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Invention:

**VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS TRAILER AXLES**

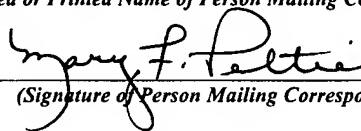
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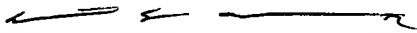
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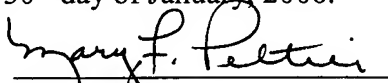
**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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